has sought permission for cutting of 49 trees in Vasant Kunj and 57 trees in Sarita Vihar for construction of flats which has been granted to them by Forest Department of Government of NCT of Delhi under Delhi Preservation of Tree Act, 1994. In lieu of cutting of these trees, DDA has been asked to plant 1060 saplings.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Environment clearance of Chheligada Irrigation Project

3168. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chheligada Irrigation Project in Gajapati district of Orissa is awaiting clearance from the Centre, for de-reservation of forest area;

(b) whether Government are aware that on completion of this multipurpose project, it would provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to different districts of the State; and

(c) if so, the present status of the case?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIT.R. BAALU): (a) and (c) No, Sir.The Ministry of Environment and Forests has already granted forestry clearance for diversion of 159.895 ha. of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of Chheligada Medium Irrigation Project in Gajapati district of Orissa on 17-10-2002.

Betterment of Matheran

3169. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned "State scorns SC Order on Matheran", which appeared in The Indian Express", dated the 16th October, 2002; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to address various problems and bottlenecks mentioned in the article, for the betterment of Matheran and its surrounding areas?